agencies and other information media. Implementation of this agreement is expected to take several forms including exchange of information, scientific research books, exchange of press reporters and photographers, experts and trainees and publicity material.

BURKINA FASO

11. A trade agreement was signed during the visit.

ACCRA

12. Text of an agreement on settingup a Joint Commission with Ghana was initialled.

More Outlets for Petroleum Products in Delhi

*255. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open more retail outlets for petrol, diesel and LPG under IOC in Delhi during the last month of the current year and the first quarter of the next year;

(b) whether Government have identified the sites for that purpose;

(c) whether some reservation on allotment of such outlets has since been made; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Letters of Intent have been issued by IOC as well as other oil marketing companies for opening of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG distributorships in Delhi. Commissioning of these dealerships/distributorships depends on the allotment of suitable land by the Delhi Development Authority.

(c) and (d) The existing policy provides for reservation in the allotment of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products for different sections of the society as under: SC/ST - 25%, Defence - 7 1/2% Physically Handicapped - 7 1/2%, Freedom Fighter - 3%, Outstanding Sportsperson -2%, Open -55%.

Dismantling Oil Selection Boards

*256. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil Selection Boards will be dismantled after introduction of a market determined pricing policy for petrol, diesel and allied products;

(b) if so, whether petrol and diesel outlets would be allotted on a competitive and commercial basis; and

(c) if so, the details of schedule for introduction of a new system of allotting retail petroleum and diesel outlets in a market determined petroleum sector? -

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The system of selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products through selection Boards will continue so long as the situation demands. The timings for introduction of market determined prices is not certain.

(b) Even now, the normal selections are being made through the process of advertisement and interview of the applicants by a duly constituted Oil Selection Board, on competitive basis.

(c) There is no proposal at present to introduce a new system of alloting dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products.

Rural Telephone Package

*257. SHRI SANATAN BISI:
SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently announced "Rural Telephone Package"; and